(c) Yes Sir. The manufacturer has reported that they commenced commercial production of the bulk drug Pentazocine in August, 1994. According to the records the company has not obtained price approval for the bulk drug manufactured by them and the formulations thereof.

They have submitted an application dated 29th November; 1994 for exemption of the bulk drug and its formulations from price control on grounds of indigenous R and D.

(d) and (e) No such instance has come to the notice.

Exemption granted to Naldixic Acid

279. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) when was exemption granted to Naldixic Acid from price control on the ground of Research and Development and when did this exemption expire;

(b) what steps were taken thereafter to fix the price of formulations and the bulk drug and is it a fact that Gramoneg and Gramogel range of formulations are being marketed without price approval from the very beginning;

(c) if so, when and what action has been taken;

(d) whether it is a fact that the producer of the bulk drug refused to give cost data to the BICP and that the Ministry consented and directed BICP to work out the price based on the available data; and

(e) when was the BICP recommendation received and what action has been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) (a) to (e) The exemption granted on 4-2-1991 expired on 31-10-92. On 13.6.1994 BICP recommended a price for the bulk drug on the basis of data available with them as the requisite data had not been received from the manufacturer (it was received subsequent to the submission of the Report by BICP). The price of the bulk drug has since been notified. BICP has accordingly been asked to recommend the price of formulations based on this bulk drug.

Delicensing of fertilizer industry

280. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fertilizer indusry has been delicensed;

(b) if not, by when it will be delicensed; and

(c) what investment from foreign countries has been made in respect of fertilizer production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per the available information, the equity investment in the Indian fertilizer industry from the foreign countries is currently around Rupees sixty croers.

Drugs under price control

281. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 73 drugs have been put under the price